

CH13: α-Material

Quote

τοῖσι δὲ μὴ βουλομένοισι αὐτῶν ἐνοικέειν, αὐτόσε δὲ ναυτιλλομένοισι ἔδωκε χώρους ἐνιδρύσασθαι βωμοὺς καὶ τεμένεα θεοῖσι.

Aspect

- **aoristic:** undefined, i.e., simple action
- **imperfective:** open-ended, not completed, progressive—**PROCESS-EFFORT** oriented as opposed to just doing it, and so emphasizing one of the following (here using English past time):

ἐκάθευδε (**imperfect tense, imperfective aspect**). “She was sleeping,” that is. . .

1. Continuation: “She was sleeping the whole time!”
2. Repetition: “She’d frequently be dozing off.”
3. Habit: “She used to doze-off” / “She’d typically doze off.”
4. Inception: “She began to doze off” / “She was beginning to doze off.”
5. Attempt: “She tried to doze off” / “She was trying to doze off.”

Greek Imperfect Tense

- Greek imperfect tense represents: PAST TIME + IMPERFECTIVE ASPECT
 - Regular (thematic) imperfect endings = regular 2nd aorist endings (*Athenaze* pp. 213 ff.):
 - imperfect — formed how (“free” λύω λύσω ἔλυσα)?
 1. take PRESENT STEM λύ-
 2. add AUGMENT ἔ-λυ-
 3. add ENDINGS (see table above) ἔ-λυ-ον
- Endings of the regular (thematic) imperfect:

sing.		plur.	
active	middle	active	middle
-ον	-όμεν	-ομεν	-όμεθα
-εσ	-εσο > -ου	-ετε	-εσθε
-ε(ν)	-ετο	-ον	-οντο

Regular and Irregular Imperfect: Sample Verbs

REGULAR IMPERFECT				
	present act	present mid	imperf act	imperf mid
plow	ἀροτρεύ-ω -εις -ει -ομεν -ετε -ουσι(ν)	ἀροτρεύ-ομαι -ει/η -εται -όμεθα -εσθε -ονται	ἤροτρευ-ον ἤροτρευ-ες ἤροτρευ-ε(ν) ἤροτρευ-ομεν ἤροτρευ-ετε ἤροτρευ-ον	ἤροτρευ-όμην ἤροτρεύ-ου ἤροτρεύ-ετο ἤροτρευ-όμεθα ἤροτρεύ-εσθε ἤροτρεύ-οντο
leave	λείπ-ω -εις etc.	λείπ-ομαι -ει/η etc.	ἔλειπ-ον ἔλειπ-ες ἔλειπ-ε(ν) ἔλειπ-ομεν ἔλειπ-ετε ἔλειπον	ἔλειπ-όμην ἔλείπ-ου ἔλείπ-ετο ἔλειπ-όμεθα ἔλείπ-εσθε ἔλείπ-οντο
shout	βο-ά-ω > βο-ῶ βο-ᾶς -ᾶ -ῶμεν -ᾶτε -ῶσι(ν)	βο-ά-ομαι > βο-ῶμαι βο-ᾶ -ᾶται -ῶμεθα -ᾶσθε -ῶνται	ἐβό-ων ἐβό-ας ἐβό-ᾶ ἐβο-ῶμεν ἐβο-ᾶτε ἐβό-ων	ἐβο-ώμην ἐβο-ῶ ἐβο-ᾶτο ἐβο-ώμεθα ἐβο-ᾶσθε ἐβο-ῶντο
toil	πον-έ-ω > πον-ῶ πον-εῖς πον-εῖ πον-οῦμεν πον-εῖτε πον-οῦσι(ν)	πον-έ-ομαι > πον-οῦμαι πον-εῖ/ῆ πον-εῖται πον-οῦμεθα πον-εῖσθε πον-οῦνται	ἐπόν-ουν ἐπόν-εις ἐπόν-ει ἐπον-οῦμεν ἐπον-εῖτε ἐπόν-ουν	ἐπον-οῦμην ἐπον-οῦ ἐπον-εῖτο ἐπον-οῦμεθα ἐπον-εῖσθε ἐπον-οῦντο

IRREGULAR IMPERFECT				
	present	present mid	act. imperf.	mid. imperf.
to be	εἶμι εἶ ἐστί(ν) ἐσμεν ἐστε εἶσι(ν)		ἦ / ἦν ἦσθα ἦν ἦμεν ἦτε ἦσαν	
go	εἶμι εἶ εἶσι(ν) ἴμεν ἴτε ἴασι(ν)		ἦα / ἦειν ἦισθα ἦεις ἦειν / ἦει ἦμεν ἦτε ἦσαν	